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SUBJECT: NOELS VON WAGENINGEN Hans Herbert *Interrogation of*
TO: SCI/Z/ROME
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1. We attach herewith interrogation report of subject.

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Preliminary Arrest and Interrogation Report on Eng. Agent.

1. Personal Particulars. CIT: Italy

BTUSI, Franco, fu Raoul. CI Bulletin 102/6.

Born 19 Aug. '24 at ROME, Italy

Arrived Venti Settembre 22, MILAN, W/T operator for the SS.

GIS in Italy.

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2. Circumstances of Arrest.

Arrested at above address on 1 May '45 by a maresciallo of CCRR accompanied by two civilians, all three unknown to subject.

During FS check of detainees at San Vittore Gaol, MILAN, subject's name and particulars were found to agree with CI Bulletin 102/6 and he was put at disposition of 427 FSS.

3. Employers.

About 10 Sept. '44, recruited by Capt. DEL MASSA.

14 Sept. '44 sent to VERONA where he did a WT course under Lt. LECITER. SD Agent in employ of Dr. MEYER. *

4. Method of entry into allied territory.

Stayed behind in Milan.

5. Mission.

Nov. '44. At the end of the WT course it was proposed to send him to BOLOGNA with a stay-behind mission. He was to have transmitted by means of a WT set information given to him by other persons. He asked for leave before doing the mission, overstayed by 15 days, and when he returned to VERONA other agents had already left for BOLOGNA.

15 Dec. '44. He was still waiting at VERONA to be given a mission; suggested to MEYER that he should wait with his relatives in MILAN, MEYER agreed, and since that date, subject has been in MILAN.

Jan. '45 MEYER came to MILAN and suggested that subject should do his mission in COMO. Subject went to COMO where he contacted a man named FISCHER. The latter told him to return to MILAN and wait until he was called.

Feb. '45. MEYER came again to MILAN and told subject not to go to COMO but to remain where he was until he received further instructions.

6. Means of communication.

Was to have been supplied with a WT set.

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7. Other agents and contacts.

a) TERZOLI Giulio (Already captured).

b) BERTOLINI Roberto.

DOB: 01.1914 Age 21, Ht. 1,70M, Medium build, brn. hair brushed back, clean shaven. Was on same WT Course as BUSI in Sept. '44. Was still at VERONA on.

CIT: Italy 15 Dec. '44. BUSI last saw him in MILAN about Mid April '45 when BERTOLINI told him he had given up his mission. BUSI thinks BERTOLINI's mission was in BOLOGNA.

c) LUCCA, Luigi

DOB: 01.1914 Age 21, Ht. 1,80M, thin, dk. hair brushed back, clean shaven. Was at WT school at VERONA and at COLLE ISARJO (BOLZENO). BUSI last saw him in MILAN in April '45 when LUCCA told him that he had escaped. Possibly has family at TREVISO.

DOB: 01.1914 d) MISCENTI, Nello.

CIT: Italy Age 21 Ht. 1.80M, thin, fair hair brushed back, clean shaven. Was at WT school at VERONA and COLLE IZZACCO. BUSI last saw him with LUCCA in MILAN in April '45; he also had escaped.

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e) BUONINSEGNI Fat 50. Arrested by 427 FSS May 145.

f) FISCHER FNU. D o B C 98

Age 45/50 Ht. 1,75M Very fat, clean shaven, well dressed, business man, had two big Dachshund dogs. Address: Albergo Paradiso, San Maurizio Brunate (Como). End of Feb. to beginning Mar. '45 BUSI was sent by MEYER to contact him. BUSI took a small piece of newspaper, handed it to FISCHER and the latter recognised him as a VT operator, c i t I A L Y

g) CLEMENS FNU. (Capt) D o B C 95

Age 50 Ht. 1,73M, very fat, red faced, double chin. Was at SS Command at CERNOBBIO (Como). BUSI met him at the Albergo Paradiso with FISCHER. In Feb. 45 when MEYER told BUSI that he would not be doing a mission to COMO, he told him to take further orders from Capt. CLEMENS.

9. Interrogators comments.

BUSI has spoken freely, probably in the hope of saving his skin. He says that he did not intend to carry out a mission. The questions that arise, however, are "If he did not intend to do his mission, why did he return to VERONA in Nov. '44, and why did he accept MEYER's suggestion in January '45 and go to COMO?"

10. Present status.

Detained at San Vittore Gaol, MILAN at disposition of No. 3 SCI. Action recommended - further interrogation.

7 May '45.

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PRELIMINARY ARREST AND INTERROGATION REPORT OF CIS OF ICIL

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1. Personal particulars.

WILHELM VON MECENINGEN, Hans, Herbert, b. Otto, CJS Officials wanted
Dutch or Dutch parents. List no. 1226.

Born 22 Aug 12 at HANNOVER (GERM. NY).

Living at 79 T.F.Camp, VARESE.

Profession: Accountant.

Party and Personal No: nil (employed as civilian).

Ht. 5'7", slender build, oval face, fair wavy hair, blue eyes, regular features.

Subject came to Italy in Oct 39 in order to proceed to the West Indies, where he has some property, but was unable to carry on with his journey because of transport and communication difficulties. Finding himself without employment he applied in Aug 43 to the German Embassy, and in view of his knowledge of languages (he speaks Dutch, German, French, Italian and English) he was engaged by as interpreter by Abt IVe of the SD at Via Tusco, ROME. Abt IVe dealt with enemy nationals, counter espionage and counter sabotage. Subject acted as English interpreter in interrogations of escaped Allied PWS who were recaptured, and in fairly routine cases carried out the interrogation himself. He also acted as filing clerk. Says that he did not discover for some weeks what type of work he was engaged on, and that he then made efforts to leave, but was told that he would be arrested if he attempted to do so. In May 44 the unit transferred to VENICE, and because of his dislike of the work he was sent to look after a fascist refugee camp, first at BOSCO CHIESA NUOVA (VENICE), then at CAVOUR. In Aug 44 he was called to VENICE and told that he would have to continue his work there with the SD. He asked permission to return to CAVOUR to discuss the matter with his wife, and was arrested on his return to CAVOUR by the Censopolizei under orders from the SD. He was held at various prisons at CAVOUR, COLOGNE and MILAN, and was finally sent to the concentration camp at BOLZANO, from which he was released on 30 Apr 45 after the liberation.

2. Circumstances of Arrest.

Arrested by NCO of 427 FSS on 7 Aug 45 on information supplied by no. 3 SCI at the offices of HQ I.G. LOMBARDY Region, MILAN, where he was working in the Displaced Persons Bureau.

3. Employers.

Employed by Abt IVe of SD at Via Tusco, ROME, from Aug 43 until May 44. Subject last heard of his unit at BOLZANO in Aug 44.

4. Other Members of Unit and Employers.

a) Hauptsturmführer SCHMITZ fmu - Head of Abt IV. Policeman in civil life. Heavy drinker, very unpopular. ^{C/507}, ht 1.70m, sturdy athletic build, thick dark hair going grey, dark eyes, bulbous nose, cruel mouth. Last seen BOSCO CHIESA NUOVA Jun 44, but was then working at FORLI.

b) Hauptsturmführer PRIESTE fmu - Vice Commandant of Abt IVe. ³ Age 27/28, ht 1.72m, normal build, dark hair, brown eyes, pleasant face. Last seen ROME May 44, but afterwards went to BRESCIA.

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Employed 5: Abt. IV in Rome

Arrived by train after the War in Italy

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at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 a) Sturmscharffuehrer HEYER Fritz - head of Abt IVa. Age 40:50, ht 1.80m, very thin, grey hair, long thin face, clean-shaven, grey eyes. Last seen at BOLOGNA JULY 1944, then working at VERONA. Believed afterwards to have returned to HAMBURG, his home town, as he was ill.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 b) Sturmscharffuehrer HANKE Max - head of Abt IVa. Age 46, ht 1.7m, normal build, athletic type, fair golden hair, brown thin at temples, long lean face, long nose slightly hooked, bushy eyebrows, piercing blue eyes, slightly faco, large hands; from HAMBURG. Last seen ROME May 44, afterwards went to FORLI.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 c) Sturmscharffuehrer HENGSTEN fmu - worked in IVa. Age 38, ht 1.74, broad shouldered, dark brown hair, dark eyes and complexion. From DRESDEN. Last seen ROME May 44, afterwards went to BRESCIA.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 d) Unterscharffuehrer HETZ Walter - worked in IVa. Age 35, ht 1.76m, athletic build, slightly corpulent, fair hair, full face, grey eyes, wore spectacles. Last seen ROME May 44, afterwards went to BRESCIA.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 e) Hauptscharffuehrer HÜBNER fmu - worked in IVa. Age 28/29, ht 1.65, sturdy build, broad face, dark hair and complexion, grey-green eyes, very vivacious type, gesticulated when talking. From TILSIT. Last seen ROME May 44, afterwards went to PARMA. Subject heard that while he was at PARMA he burnt his face badly while destroying documents.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 f) Sturmscharffuehrer HÜGEL fmu - worked with IVb. Age 40, ht 1.72, normal build, fair hair and complexion, blue eyes, bulging forehead, from BERLIN. Last seen ROME May 44.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 g) Hauptsturmfuehrer HÜGEL fmu - assigned for while to Abt IV in place of TRIEBER, then sent to CINNAMIC. Age 28/29, ht 1.63m, ht build, fat round face, red hair usually cut short. Last seen CINNAMIC AUG 44.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 h) Sturmscharffuehrer HÜGEL fmu - head of IVb. Age 35, ht 1.76m, slightly humped shoulders, thin build, thin face, clean-shaven, dark hair and skin, small deepest dark eyes, big nose, from EDDA region. Last seen ROME May 44.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 i) Hauptsturmfuehrer HÜGEL fmu - working with IVb, Age 32, ht 1.66m, slender build, thin face, fair hair, blue eyes. Last seen ROME May 44, but had applied for a transfer to his home town at GDYNIA, where he was a member of the local police force.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 j) Oberscharffuehrer HÜGEL fmu - working with IVb. Age 29/30, ht 1.72m, very broad shoulders, boxer type, fair hair, classic German type of face, blue eyes. Last seen ROME May 44, but had applied for a transfer to VIENNA, his home town.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 k) Oberscharffuehrer HÜGEL fmu - looked after Abt IV prisoners, but was always ill. Age 34/55, 1.80m, grey hair, fair skin, wore spectacles, normal build. Last seen ROME Apr/May 44.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 l) Hauptsturmfuehrer HÜGEL fmu - clerk in IVa. Age 34, ht 1.65m, thin build, hair going grey, wore spectacles, was astigmatite. Last seen ROME May 44, afterwards went to VERONA.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 m) Unterscharffuehrer HÜGEL Alfred - interpreter for IVa. Wore SS uniform without SS markings. Age 32, ht 1.80, very thin, long face, dark wavy hair, grey eyes, from BOLZANO. Last seen ROME May 44.

at ^{1st} ~~1st~~ ^{1st} 1945 n) Hauptsturmfuehrer HÜGEL fmu - worked for IVb, occasionally for IVa. Interpreter from BOLZANO, in civilian life was swimming instructor. Age 34, ht 1.65, normal build. Last seen ROME May 44.

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q) PERETONER fmu - interpreter for SCHUTZ. Age 22, ht 1,78 m. broad shouldered, fair wavy hair, fair skin, blue keen eyes, from BOLZANO. Formerly a member of the Quostura of ROME. Last seen ROME May 44.

r) GROSSI fmu - Italian informer of SCHUTZ. Age 20/22, ht 1,73 m. normal build, round face, blond hair, grey eyes? Believed to be Roman. Last seen ROME May 44.

5. - Other Matters of CI Interest.

In Jan or Feb 44 seven parachutists of the SAS were captured near ROME and handed over for interrogation to IVc. They were all British except for one or two Americans, and the senior rank was an Englishman named S/Sgt ILLOD. The interrogations lasted for some months, but the Germans succeeded in obtaining no information until finally one of the Americans, a Cpl. MILL-LIPS, broke down under interrogation and gave full details of the mission, training, equipment, ect.

6. - Interrogator's Comments and Recommendation.

Subject has spoken freely and frankly. He tries to justify his connection with CIS by saying that he did not at first know what work the office carried out, and that when he discovered he was not allowed to leave. He admits however that when they transferred North he made no attempt to stay in ROME. Recommendation - internment.

7. - Present Status.

Held at San. VITTORE gaol, MILAN, at disposition of 427 F.S.S.

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